1. The RFP asks for several maps of the world. Is there a specific graphic software that is required/preferred, or is there a requirement that these maps be integrated in existing tools or software?

No. This is completely open source information and the mapping tools are optional, although, we need to know what product they used, and it needs to be able to be viewed in a powerpoint slide or other common tool for presentations.

2. Is there anything to preclude a non-US citizen, non-resident consultant from working on this effort?
No